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## NEWS RELEASE

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### UM DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS PROBES MODERN REFUGEE EXPERIENCE IN NEW BOOK

MISSOULA --

The contemporary refugee experience and its implications for U.S. foreign and domestic policy provide the focus for the latest book by Peter Koehn, director of The University of Montana's Office of International Programs.

"Refugees from Revolution: U.S. Policy and Third-World Migration," published this fall by Westview Press, examines the recent influx of exiles to the United States from its underlying causes to the potential for easing the world refugee crisis through changes in U.S. and international policy. Personal interviews with exiles from Ethiopia and Iran play a major part in his study, which probes their decision to live in exile, reception in the United States and deliberations over repatriation.

"In today's interdependent world, more people traverse national borders than ever before," Koehn writes. "Massive population movements across permeable boundaries present fundamental challenges to prevailing approaches in the study of national politics and international relations."

Transnational migration from the Third World to North America and Western Europe will become an even more critical issue of international relations and domestic politics in the 21st century, Koehn says, adding that he hopes his six-year study will be helpful to refugees as well as to policy makers who are devoted to averting future refugee situations.

Roger P. Winter, director of the U.S. Committee for Refugees, says Koehn's new book "abounds with good ideas to make U.S. refugee policy and

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practice more realistic."

"If there is to be a 'new world order,' the victims of persecution and political violence ought to be among its beneficiaries," Winter says.

"This book suggests how that might be done."

"Refugees from Revolution" focuses on the flow of refugees to the U.S. from Cuba, Indochina, Ethiopia and Iran, and is written primarily for students of contemporary international relations, U.S. foreign and immigration policy and demography. In addition, Washington, D.C., immigration lawyer Carolyn Waller suggests it will be "a valuable sourcebook for lawyers representing political asylum applicants and service providers involved in refugee resettlement."

Koehn, the author of 10 previous books and monographs, joined UM's political science faculty in 1972 and has headed the University's Office of International Programs since 1987. He holds a doctorate in political science and a master's of public administration from the University of Colorado at Boulder.

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Note: For further information, call Koehn at the UM Office of International Programs, 1-406-243-2288. For a review copy of the book, call Westview Press in Boulder, Colo., 1-303-444-3541.

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